

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

April 24, 2019

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star Gazette and Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Salute to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 10, 2019, which was seconded by Mr. Farino.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Mora Dillon

Abstain: Mr. Misertino

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on April 10, 2019, which was seconded by Mr. Farino.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Mora Dillon

Abstain: Mr. Misertino

BILL LIST:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the bill list as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Farino.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mr. Misertino Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Mora Dillon

Abstain: Mr. Farino

CLERK'S REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the Construction Inspection reports have been received from Penonni so the payment that was being held can be released.

The Township Committee agreed to have the bills placed on the next bill list.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that there is a memo on the dais for each Committee member in reference to the Preserve NJ grant. Mr. Margulies would like to receive approval to apply for the Preserve NJ grant the cash match could be taken out of the MCCTF grant and if we apply for \$120,000 the cash match would be \$80,000. The fee for developing the application will be \$2,400 which could be taken out of Open Space if the Committee is inclined to make application.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the application to Preserve NJ and the \$2,400 for the grant preparation will come out of Open Space, which was seconded Mr. Farino.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Mora Dillon

Abstain: Mr. Misertino

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Mollineaux stated that the public hearing for the budget would be at the next meeting and that we already received notice that the State was behind on reviews. If the State has not reviewed the Township's budget by next meeting we will hold the Public hearing and wait for the budget adoption until the budget has been approved by the State.

Mayor Watters asked what the status is with the Land Sale.

Mrs. Mollineaux stated that this would be discussed in Executive Session.

EMPLOYEES' REPORTS:

Mrs. Fascenelli reported that the Town-Wide Yard Sale will begin this Friday and run through Sunday with 32 residents signed up to participate. Sign posting will begin tomorrow.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kastrud reported that Tax Maps have been coordinated with Ms. Hrebenak and Mr. Laliker, our Tax Assessor, for the amount to be printed and how many Mr. Laliker needs to send to the county.

Watters and Heiser Roads – the state has been sent all information needed. Mr. Kastrud reached out to Rich at the DOT and is waiting for the DOT inspection of the roads so we can get our final 25% from the grants for both roads. We have the first 75% for Watters; the first 75 for Heiser is being processed at the DOT. He doesn't know when it will be sent.

ADA Compliance –we will have the transition report completed, and the inventory of all the ramps we are responsible for have been started and completed in the next few weeks.

Allen Road railroad bridge - Mr. Kastrud will make up hardcopies of the engineer's report for the committee. He gave a quick overview on an inspection that was issued December 2016 which found the bridge is structurally adequate and exceeds the H20 load rating. No need to post weight restrictions. The geometry of the deck is adequate, but because the narrowest part is 20 feet, the DOT recommended widening of the bridge and the two approaches. It will require the train tracks to be lowered 7 inches to provide a 20 foot clearance. Mr. Kastrud reached out to the engineer and found that it has not been scheduled for design or work even though they recommend it. Mr. Kastrud has documentation that we have no obligation and will email it to the committee tomorrow along with the hardcopy report.

Airport Road – we did get the grant and have to come up with a bond and estimate to mill, repave and drainage where required from Rt. 57 to Rockport Road, leaving out the crossing. Mr. Kastrud stated the grant is \$156,000 with an estimated project cost of \$250 - 260,000 which he stated sounded high. He approximated it to be 75% of that number.

Mayor Watters announced that Committeewoman Mrs. Mora Dillon has arrived at the meeting at 7:49 pm.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Watters opened the floor for public comment; seeing none Mayor Watters closed the public portion.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 2019 –77

REFUND OF A LAND USE BOARD APPLICATION

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Mark & Eva Duke issued a check dated 12/21/17 with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, there remains a balance of \$ 10.00 in the escrow account,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board Engineer has determined that the escrow balance can be refunded,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Finance Office be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 10.00 to Mark & Eva Duke.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2019-77, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2019-78
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION
OF MAY 21-JUNE 3, 2019

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death and serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization from May 21 to June 3, 2019 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate statewide by 1.5% from 95.5% through a targeted two-week seat belt enforcement campaign from May 21 to June 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby declares it's support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization program both locally and nationally from May 21 to June 3, 2019, pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use and accepts a grant for the same in the amount of \$5500.00 to be used for 100 hours of overtime enforcement (at \$55/hour) during the two week mobilization period.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2019-78, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2019-02, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Mayor Watters opened the floor for public comment; seeing none the public comment was closed.

2019-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 329, TRAFFIC, SECTION 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, of the Township of MANSFIELD, Warren COUNTY, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Chapter 329-13, Stop Intersections:

Sylvan and Elmwood

A Stop sign shall be installed on Sylvan Road intersecting Elmwood Drive

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication as provided by law.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Before entering into Executive Session, Mayor Watters requested updates on :

Mall Tax – Ms. Mollineaux stated that she would speak with the Tax Assessor to see if there is an update.

Honeywell – Ms. Hrebenak stated she couldn't get in touch with them, but received the bill today for \$6,000, and she put a call into the person who sent the bill, if no response, she will contact his manager. Mayor Watters stated we approved the electronic part; Mrs. Hrebenak confirmed. Payment will not be made until an invoice is received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:53 pm to discuss matters dealing with Contractual, Personnel, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to come out of Executive session, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Wenner stated that while in Executive Session, the following five contractual matters were discussed:

First related to the Police Department, second related to the appraisals for land dispossession, third a possible sale of cell tower lease, fourth the church renovation project, and fifth the lease of the Mansfield Township Fire Company. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.